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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN STATEMENT ON RW

REF: GENEVA 12074

1. REFTEL PROVIDED SYNOPSIS OF HUNGARIAN VIEWS ON RADIO-LOGICAL WEAPONS. HUNGARIAN DELOFF CONFIRMED TO USDELOFF THAT USSR HAD CLEARED NEW ASSESSMENT OF IMPORTANCE OF RW INITIATIVE AND RELATIONSHIP TO CW NEGOTIATIONS AND, THEREFORE, WE ARE REPEATING TEXT OF HUNGARIAN AMB. DOMOKOS' AUGUST 3 CCD STATEMENT ON RW. TEXT OF FULL STATEMENT WILL BE POUCHED TO ACDA/MA.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

IN CONNECTION WITH THE NEW TYPES OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION MENTION SHOULD BE MADE OF THE RADIOLOGICAL WEAPON WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE THE SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE CONVENTION. MY DELEGATION NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE INFORMATION ON THE NEW ROUND OF BILATERAL TALKS AND LOOKS FORWARD TO A SUCCESSFUL AND EARLY COMPLETION OF THESE
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NEGOTIATIONS.

THIS SUBJECT WAS ALREADY RAISED AND DISCUSSED SEVERAL YEARS AGO, BUT AT THAT TIME THE NECESSITY FOR ACTION WAS NOT GENERALLY FELT. IN THE MEANTIME, HOWEVER, CONDITIONS HAVE CHANGED, BOTH FROM THE TECHNOLOGICAL AND THE ARMS LIMITATION POINT OF VIEW. THE NEED FOR AN EFFECTIVE

PROHIBITION OF THE RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS IS IN OUR OPINION
DUE TO THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS:

1. THE WORLD-WIDE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY FOR
PEACEFUL PURPOSES AND THE GROWING SHARE OF NUCLEAR POWER
IN NATIONAL ENERGY ECONOMIES IN AN INCREASING NUMBER OF
COUNTRIES HAS LED TO THE ACCUMULATION OF RADIOACTIVE
MATERIALS AND KNOW-HOW WHICH MIGHT BE USED FOR THE
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DEVELOPMENT OF RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS.

2. THE POSSIBLE USE OF RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS IS
ENVISAGED IN THE PROFESSIONAL LITERATURE BY MEANS AND
METHODS SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE CW. THE AIM WOULD BE THE
SAME: TO KILL TROOPS OR CIVILIANS OR TO PREVENT ACCESS TO
AN AREA BY CONTAMINATION. THE CONCLUSION OF THE CW
CONVENTION MIGHT GENERATE INTEREST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF
RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS.

3. THE NON-PROLIFERATION ASPECT OF THE ISSUE SHOULD
ALSO BE CONSIDERED. ONE CANNOT RULE OUT THAT THE RADIO-
LOGICAL WEAPON AS A KIND OF NON-EXPLOSIVE NUCLEAR WEAPON
MAY ATTRACT FOR ACQUISITION SOME NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES.

FOR THE ABOVE REASONS MY DELEGATION FEELS THE NECES-
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SITY OF A PREVENTIVE MEASURE. WE SUPPORT THE EFFORTS AIMED
AT THE PREPARATION AND CONCLUSION OF A RW CDNVENTION.
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